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April 20, 2018

Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board Meeting
Monday, April 23 7:00pm
Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown

Topic: Montgomery County Public Schools

Guests: Councilmember Craig Rice, Montgomery County Council

Dr. Jack Smith, Superintendent, Montgomery County Public Schools

All board and committee meetings are open to the public!

Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible, but no less than 72 hours prior to the event. If these or other services or aids are needed to participate in this activity, please call 240-777-8040 or email a request to catherine.matthews@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Countryside Artisans announces
2018 SPRING TOUR

April 20, 21, 22, 2018
10am-5pm each day (rain, snow or shine)

2018 Tour Dates
April 20, 21, 22, October 12, 13, 14, November 30, December 1, 2

Join the Countryside Artisans on their Spring Gallery & Studio Tour, a free, self-guided driving tour of artist studios/galleries through scenic Montgomery County. Choose from 18 delightful destinations representing 50+ fine visual, sculptural, textile, and beverage (beer, wine, and tea) artists. The studios/galleries are located on working farms, in renovated barns and chicken coops, or in historic buildings.

The Countryside Artisans of Maryland represents a selected group of accomplished visual, sculptural, and textile artists working in oil, pastel, watercolor, pencil, ceramics, porcelain, glass, enamel, stone, wood, yarn, textiles, photography, tea, hops, and grapes. The Countryside Artisans jointly open their galleries and studios located in historic, rural Montgomery, Howard, and Frederick Counties in Maryland for 3 art tours each year in April, October, and December, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 5pm each day.

Spend a day in the country, enjoy scenic drives between studios, stop for artisan beverages, and meet artists in the beautiful settings that inspire their work every day.

Presented by Countryside Artisans of Maryland in the Montgomery County Agricultural Reserve

**Proclamation recognizing Haley Skarupa, Olympic Gold Medalist
2018 U.S. Women's Ice Hockey Team**



**Tuesday, April 24 10:00am
Stella Werner Council Office Building
100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville**

Councilmember Sidney Katz and County Executive Ike Leggett will present a joint proclamation to honor Montgomery County Gold Medalist Olympian Haley Skarupa.

Congratulations Haley!

Montgomery County Commission for Women &
Family Law Section, Montgomery County Bar Association
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**SEPARACIÓN Y DIVORCIO,
QUE NECESITO SABER**



23 de abril 2018 - 7:00 - 8:30pm
Long Branch Community Center
precio: \$5

el seminario se ofrecerá en español

registro:
<https://separationanddivorce2018.eventbrite.com>

preguntas?
240-777-8333 - cfwinfo@montgomerycountymd.gov

Frank Islam Athenaeum Symposia 2018 Spring Series Winding Down

**Tuesday, April 24 7:00pm
Montgomery College- Germantown / Globe Hall
20200 Observation Drive, Germantown**

Guest:

[lissa Ocko, PhD](#)

[Climate Change: What Is Happening, and What Can We Do About It?](#)

For accommodations, please call 240-567-7767 or 240-567-6967

MONTGOMERY PARKS PRESENTS

SOLAR FIELD POWER UP!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2018 10AM-12PM

Please join us for a ceremony marking the opening of the first solar fields installed on M-NCPPC parkland! Nearly 2.5 megawatts have been installed across South Germantown Recreational Park & Rock Creek Regional Park. Combined, these 2 sites will produce about 3.5 million kWh of solar electricity annually - offsetting more than 2,500 tons of greenhouse gases every year!



SOUTH GERMANTOWN RECREATIONAL PARK
ARCHERY RANGE

18041 CENTRAL PARK CIRCLE
BOYDS, MARYLAND 20841



Public Comments Sought on Major Transportation Initiatives

Thursday, April 26 7:00pm-9:00pm
County Executive Office Building Auditorium
101 Monroe Street, Rockville

The National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) at the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is seeking public input for [Visualize 2045](#), a new long-range transportation plan for the National Capital Region. The input will help elected leaders and regional planners better understand public attitudes and opinion as they make decisions about the region's transportation future. Visualize 2045 includes transportation projects for which funding is expected to be available between now and 2045, as well as those for which funding has not yet been identified.

A series of public forums have been scheduled to discuss [seven unfunded initiatives](#) recently endorsed by the TPB that have the potential to significantly improve transportation in the region. The TPB will gather feedback at the forums that will help decision makers better understand the universe of needs and potential projects and how they can affect the region's transportation future. These unfunded initiatives include: bring jobs and housing closer together; expand bus rapid transit regionwide; move more people on Metrorail; increase telecommuting and other options for commuting; expand express highway network; improve walk and bike access to transit; and complete the National Capital Trail.

The TPB will be holding [nine forums](#) in the following locations across the region with the one in Montgomery County on April 26. For the complete schedule, or to sign up for email updates, or to view forum details, visit visualize2045.org.

Stay updated and join the conversation on Twitter using the hashtag [#VIZ2045](#).

The Montgomery County GreenFest is May 5th!

GreenFest is a free, annual event -- part festival, part DIY workshops with a splash of community building. Our goal is for you to come away with actions you can take at work, home, and school to help the environment. [View the schedule.](#)

Explore Active Living at Gaithersburg's 10th Annual Active Aging Expo

Monday, May 7 9:00am-2:00pm
Activity Center at Bohrer Park
506 South Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg
(next to Gaithersburg High School)

The City of Gaithersburg's 10th Annual Active Aging Expo is a day filled with energy, educational talks, interactive demonstrations, and preventive screenings. Fun activities include massages, manicures and a photo booth. After learning a little something, get up and move with fitness demonstrations and join-in activities like Line Dancing, Balance, Stretching, and Painting with Acrylics.

Not-for-profit organizations with information on health and wellness as well as businesses that specialize in serving older adults will also be on hand.

No registration is necessary. Just show up and be prepared to change your life. While admission is free, we encourage everyone to bring canned goods to be donated to Manna Food Center. For information, please visit the City of Gaithersburg website at www.gaithersburgmd.gov or call 301-258-6380.

The Expo is presented by Asbury Methodist Village, Adventist HealthCare, Holy Cross Germantown Hospital, and the City of Gaithersburg in partnership with the Montgomery County Housing Opportunities Commission, Montgomery County Recreation Department and the Montgomery Village Foundation.

**County Offers Free Training on Naloxone;
Medication Used to Reverse Effects of Opioid Overdose**
Tuesday, May 8 10:00am-12:00noon
Department of Health and Human Services Offices
401 Hungerford Drive, Rockville

Residents concerned about a friend or family member with an opioid addiction are invited to attend a free two-hour training to learn about reducing unintentional and life-threatening opioid overdoses with the use of Naloxone, a prescription medication that reverses the effects of an opioid overdose. Participants who complete the training will receive a free Naloxone kit. Tips on overdose prevention and resources detailing local and national resources will be provided. The training is free, but registration is required.

Please call 240-777-1836 for more information or to register.

County's Draft Housing Action Plan Available for Community Review

Montgomery County's DRAFT CFY19 FFY18 Consolidated Plan Annual Action Plan is now available for review. The Plan serves as Montgomery County's application for CDBG, HOME and ESG funds for County Fiscal Year 2019 (July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019). The plan identifies specific uses for the annual funding allocations under these three programs. The document can be viewed online or downloaded here:

<http://montgomerycountymd.gov/DHCA/community/grants/conplan.html>.

All interested parties are invited to submit comments on the Plan and on the community development performance of Montgomery County. Information is available in alternate formats upon request. Email comments in reply to this email are welcome. The draft Consolidated Plan Annual Action Plan may be reviewed at the Germantown, Bethesda, Silver Spring, and Rockville libraries as well as at the DHCA offices (see address below).

Written statements may be submitted until 12:00 p.m., May 14, 2018 and should be addressed to:

Clarence J. Snuggs, Director
Department of Housing & Community Affairs
1401 Rockville Pike, Fourth Floor
Rockville, Maryland 20852
Telephone: 311; TTY number (for the hearing impaired) is 240-773-3556

Important!

Carbon Monoxide Detectors & Rental Units (new and existing)

Effective April 1, 2018, Maryland legislation now requires carbon monoxide detectors to be installed in new and existing rental units. Why are CO detectors so important? Over 400 people die each year from accidental CO poisoning.

To learn more, visit <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcfrs/>



Ride On Is Hiring!

The Department of Transportation is seeking Full Time and Substitute Bus Operators. This recruitment will establish an eligible list to fill current and future vacancies.

Current and future vacancies are located in our depots in Silver Spring, Gaithersburg and Nicholson Court.

Applicants without CDL licenses are encouraged to apply.

Bus Operators are considered Essential Employees. Essential employees must report to work during a period of general emergency or liberal leave. Bus Operators MUST also adhere to a strict Attendance Policy and be available to work a flexible schedule that includes nights, weekends, holidays, working split shifts, and a reasonable amount of overtime. Ride On operational hours start at 3:30 am, and the last bus returns to the depot at 1:50 am. We are a 22 hour, 7 days a week transit operation.

All selected Bus Operators initially start in a temporary operator trainee position. The training period is for an average duration of 4-5 months until either the trainee completes all training requirements, or a vacancy occurs. The first 6 weeks are in a class room setting and hours are typically 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with some night time training from 1:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Trainees then report to their assigned depot and will begin to drive passengers. Once assigned to a depot, hours will vary. Bus Operators are provided uniforms and paid full time at an annual salary of \$40,242 (19.35 per hour), during the training period. Substitute Bus Operators work full time during the 6 weeks classroom setting. Afterwards, they will work a substitute/intermittent schedule.

Medical Exam and Background Investigation: All bus operator positions filled under this recruitment require a County administered medical exam with drug/alcohol screen and a criminal background clearance.

Duties include: Safe and on time operation of a transit vehicle in all types of climatic conditions. Tactful and courteous interaction with the public. Conducting self in an appropriate manner as a representative of Montgomery County Department of Transportation (DOT) working effectively in a diverse work environment, using professional judgment always, performing quality service to all riding public. Operating transit bus while in strict compliance with DOT policies, procedures and all Federal and State traffic laws and regulations. This includes using defensive driving techniques. Maintain working knowledge of streets, current bus routes and stops within the County as well as DOT's current fare structure and bus pass programs. Complying with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) in the operation of a public transit bus. This includes providing accessibility for disabled passengers to board and de-board by properly operating the accessibility ramp and safely securing such passengers in a courteous manner, announcing designated stops, and pre-testing all passenger accessibility ramps and equipment during pre-trip inspections. Completing required paperwork accurately and legibly as needed for pre-and post-trip or schedule, and/or for any incidents/accidents that may occur. Completing farebox, passenger, and bus maintenance defect reports and maintenance repair forms when necessary upon completion of your scheduled shift. Perform related duties as required.

Apply at: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/HR/Recruitment/applynow.html#1>

Congratulations!

Flower Hill Elementary School Student Wins Fair Housing Poster Contest



Madelaine Lemus, a fifth-grade student from Flower Hill Elementary School is the winner of the [Office of Human Rights Annual Fair Housing Poster Contest](#). County Executive Ike Leggett presented Lemus with a \$250 check at a special ceremony attended by fourth and fifth graders from the school on April 18. The winning poster was selected by the Interagency Fair Housing Coordinating Group from 50 entries created by participants of the Office of Human Rights Diversity Camp. The poster will be featured on Ride On buses this spring.

For more News from the Office of the County Executive, visit: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/news>

For other news and meeting agendas, visit:

County Council http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/press_List.aspx?id=01

Planning Board http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news_releases

Also check out the latest from:

Department of Public Libraries <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library>

Department of Recreation <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp>

Department of Permitting Services <http://permittingervices.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html>

Commission for Women <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html>

Parks Department <http://www.montgomeryparks.org>

Planning Department <http://montgomeryplanning.org>